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PRINCETON MEN'S PERIL
Indians Believed to Have Caught a Party of Them.

ONE IS A WASHINGTON MAN

Talbot E. Pierce was of the Geological Expedition, Under Prof. Hatcher, which went into Wyoming—Fears That the Bannocks Have Captured the Students—Troops to Hunt Them.

Talbot E. Pierce, of this city, a '96 student of Princeton College, is one of a party from that institution forming a geological expedition under Prof. Hatcher, which is believed to have fallen into the hands of Bannock Indians in Wyoming.

Denver, Col., July 21.—It is feared here that a party of Princeton students have fallen into the hands of the Bannock Indians.

Nearly two weeks ago the students forming the geological expedition went through Union Pass and since telegrams have been received here for them without finding any means of delivery.

They were on their way to National Park and were due on their return trip about the end of July.

IN DANGEROUS COUNTRY.
They are in a dangerous country and if they are alive the fact remains that the government has received no word of their great activity.

There are only forty-three men at the post and the expedition cannot be very formidable, but it is the best that the army can do. Reports from Jackson Hole say that there are fully 300 Indians assembled there, and of the number there are fifty Bannocks from the Wyoming reservation.

Another report from Fort Washakie says that two Indian police and judges who were sent to Jackson Hole nearly two weeks ago have returned. They were forcibly detained by the Bannocks and had to escape by strategy.

Princeton, N. J., July 21.—The report that a Princeton geological expedition had been captured by the Bannock Indians in Wyoming cannot be confirmed to-day, as none of the geological faculty are in town and no word has reached here from members of the party for several days.

HEADED BY PROF. HATCHER.
The expedition, which was headed by Prof. Hatcher, left here on June 20 for the Bad Lands in search of geological specimens.

The students who accompanied Prof. Hatcher are: L. F. Peck, '95, of Germantown, Pa.; R. F. Little, '95, of New York city; Walter Moss, '95, of Trenton, N. J.; A. L. P. Davis, '96, of New York city; Talbot Eugene Pierce, '96, of Washington; Boyer Davis, '96, of Philadelphia; A. A. Browne, '96, of Indiana; John H. Smith, '96, of New York city; John Schuch, '96, of New York city; Albert G. Milbank, '96, of New York city; E. R. Rothman, '96, of New York city; J. Garrett, '96, of New York city.

The National Geographic Society has a party in Wyoming and another in Colorado, and no fear of their safety is felt here. The Princeton party started on their trip last month in charge of the professor of geology of the Princeton College, and were furnished with maps and other data by the office here. The name of Talbot Eugene Pierce, who appears in the 1895 directory; last night it was impossible to ascertain the names of the parents of the young men, as there are a score of names of that name.

Mr. Victor Kaufman, who is the agent in this city for Princeton, was seen, but he says he knows nothing of Mr. Pierce.

NOT IN HIS INSIDE POCKET.
Constable Curtis Cannot Find \$240 and His Pocketbook.

Mr. Charles Curtis, of No. 515 New Jersey, the constable and real estate agent, on Saturday night reported to the police the loss of his pocketbook with \$240 in cash in it. Mr. Curtis has for twenty-five years been a constable and collector here. He frequently collects a large amount of rents in a day and occasionally, as on Saturday, has it with him when he reaches the close of the day.

Mr. Curtis says that he was, toward evening at No. 702 Second street, south-west, sitting at his desk, talking with friends there. He had his pocketbook in his hand, and he thinks laid it down. Something called him out unexpectedly to see some friends at the next doorway.

When he returned he remembered that he had his pocketbook when sitting in the rocker, but the family had moved about a good deal during his absence and the chair was in other places. After a thorough search they could find nothing of the book or money.

GAINS OF THE UNIONISTS.
Already It Has Reached Sixty-eight.

(By Associated Press.)
London, July 21.—As a result of the pollsters thus far held in the general elections the Unionists now show a net gain of 68, giving the government a majority of 108.

The districts to be heard from during the counting week are almost entirely in the south and the shires. The number yet to be heard from is 10. The majority of these were represented by Liberals in the last Parliament.

A Suspected Filibuster.
New York, July 21.—Among the vessels sailing from this port to-day was the steamer Causa, formerly the New London Fisherman, George E. Sandt, which has recently been fitted out at the Erie basin.

Her agents here are Fabian & Mendy, commission merchants, and well known Cubans. Her departure attracted some interest because of a rumor that she was off on a filibustering expedition to Cuba.

She has not been apprehended. Ed Shea, son of John Shea, the South Police Commissioner, who was attempting to arrest him for disorderly conduct at Hermann's store, at No. 325 Fourth and a half street on Saturday night, appears to have made good his escape. Police men with warrants in their hands were on the lookout for him and others all day yesterday, but were unable to find him. Shea is believed to have left the city. Police man Williams was much better yesterday, and it is hoped will have recovered entirely from his injury within a few days.

Butcher Arrested and Locked Up.
Frank Rigg, fifteen years of age, was last night arrested by Policeman Quinn while bathing in the Potomac, and locked up in No. 3 police station on the charge of violating the law.

REBELS WERE REPULSED
Details of the Attack Made by Insurgents Upon Gen. Campos.

There Were Seven Thousand of Them Yet the Spanish Troops Drove Them Back with Heavy Loss.

(By United Press.)
Havana, July 21.—Further details have been made public of the recent battle between insurgents and government troops between Manzanillo and Bayamo.

Capt. Gen. Martinez Campos left Manzanillo for Bayamo with 1,000 troops. On July 13 this force was ambushed by 7,000 insurgents near Valencuela. The Spanish forces were under the actual command of Brig. Gen. Santocildes, who was the military commander of the Manzanillo district.

The Spanish troops fought bravely, again and again repelling the fierce charges of the rebels. It was thought the principal object of the attack was to capture Gen. Campos. The troops formed a hollow square about him, thoroughly determined that he would not be taken unless it was over their dead bodies.

The battle lasted seven hours. During one of the charges Gen. Santocildes was killed. Gen. Campos then took command and the troops finally succeeded in defeating the rebels.

GONE TO THE HOUSE OF JOSS
Burial of a Chinese Mason of High Degree.

Pittsburg, July 21.—Lee Jin Mun, treasurer of the Chinese lodge of Freemasons, No. 8, Chee Kung Tong, who died at Perry, Pa., last week, was buried here to-day with all the pomp and ceremonies of Chinese Masonry.

While Lee Jin Mun was only a humble landrady, he was a Mason of the High-Celestial order, and his countrymen testified to this by a befitting burial. After the ceremonies at 303 Grand street, which lasted over an hour, the body was deposited in the casket.

A table was spread on the walk with the provisions which are to sustain the spirit in its new home. There was a big slab of fat roast pork, another of raw pork, two chickens, cooked with the heads on, and all kinds of fruits and sweetmeats.

At one end of the table was a box of sand, in which burned colored candles and joss sticks. Before this the officials knelt and said their prayers. Grand Master Dan Do, of New York, performed the principal part of the ceremonies.

Toilet articles were then placed in the coffin, and all was ready for the start to the mountain cemetery, Allegheny. At the head of the procession was a horseman with a triangular red banner painted with Chinese characters.

They followed the grand master and Lee Tsin Mun, who is known in Cincinnati under the name of Rev. G. S. Thomas. The Marine Band followed, then the members of the lodge with flags, banners and torches. There were about twenty carriages in line.

All the way to the cemetery tom-toms were beat, terrifying the horses and exciting the crowd. At the cemetery, which was at least 8,000 people at the cemetery when the ceremonies began. After deciding to place the coffin on the hillside, Lee Tsin Mun delivered the funeral oration.

Candles and joss sticks were again burned, and small brass bells scattered on the ground to keep the devil away from the grave. The coffin was then lowered into the grave and the ceremony was over.

Tragedy at a Picnic.
One Person Killed and Man and Wife Fatally Shot.

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., July 21.—A special to the American from Gallatin, Tenn., says: One of the bloodiest tragedies ever witnessed in this county took place yesterday at a picnic in the northern part of this county. Three persons lost their lives.

West Dixon, of this place, carried his wife and a young girl, a woman of bad character, to the picnic, and soon a fuss arose about her, which was quieted and Dixon and his wife took a rest in a wagon.

As William Davidson, a man some fifty years of age, was sitting in a wagon, Dixon drew his pistol and without a moment's warning shot him through the head, killing him on the spot.

He and his wife's friends started in pursuit, firing at him at every opportunity. Finally Dixon fell mortally wounded, and his wife was also shot twice, being fatally wounded.

Dixon is a man of very bad character, having killed three men, one a deputy sheriff at Frankfort, Ky. Davidson was also a man with a record. He killed the sheriff of Robertson county several years ago.

KILLED WHILE AT PRAYER.
Cyclonic Storm Smashes a Camp-meeting Tabernacle.

(By United Press.)
Zanesville, O., July 21.—A fatal windstorm, accompanied by a heavy rainfall, burst upon the camp grounds near Rosselle, 4 o'clock yesterday morning, blowing down and overturning buggies.

The storm was cyclonic in fury and before it had spent itself two persons were killed and several others seriously injured. The storm, accompanied by a roaring sound, burst over the camp ground about 4 o'clock, while services were being held in the tabernacle, and was all over in a few seconds.

A large tree was blown over, demolishing one corner of the tabernacle, instantly killing Mrs. Clement Wilson, of Zanesville, her skull being crushed in. Patrick Deschin, of Zanesville, was caught by the falling tree and his breast crushed. He died an hour afterward.

Miss Anna Ansel, of Saltillo, had her left leg crushed; Lydia Jenkins, aged sixteen, of Zanesville, was struck on the head by flying timber and seriously injured. Several other persons received slight injuries. The dead and injured were brought to this city this evening.

TORTURE HER PENANCE
Nellie Thomas Stuck Needles and Pins Into Her Legs.

BOWED DOWN BY HER SIN

(By United Press.)
Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21.—A well-dressed lady applied to the Cincinnati Hospital for admission yesterday afternoon. She presented a letter from the mother superior of the convent where the young lady had resided.

The latter said the bearer, Miss Nellie Thomas, had been employed at the convent some time, and was suffering from swollen legs and feet.

Nothing except the symptoms referred to in the letter was found on the preliminary examination but later it was decided to lance the feet when it was found the limbs and feet were imbedded with pins and needles.

Forty-one needles were extracted from her body and she was not able till to-day to endure further operations, when ten more were extracted and it is thought others will be found.

BLOOD POISONING FEARED.
The physicians fear blood poisoning will set in, and that the case, in any event, may prove hopeless.

The girl protested until after the operations that she could not tell how her feet and limbs became imbedded with these needles, but finally she said she had been at the convent of the Good Shepherd for several years. She was an orphan and alone in the world.

During her stay there she had done wrong, but once again, she said, she was not right, and for every sin she had committed she had done penance by thrusting a needle into one of her legs. She explained that each operation had caused her agonizing pain, and that at times it was almost unbearable, but she felt that she must bear the pain as a recompense for the sin committed.

This mode of doing penance, she said, had covered more than two years. Her wrongdoings had been of frequent occurrence, and she was unable to count the number of needles she had placed in her limbs.

UNNATURAL INFATUATION.
She said she and another girl in the convent had become mutually infatuated with each other. They had acted as lovers, and had together sinned against God and nature. She said she had confessed to a priest at the convent, who had been greatly shocked at the confession she made.

The sisters were greatly surprised at the statement made by the girl and could not understand how such conditions could have existed in the convent. They made no attempt to deny the story, but there was no doubt in ignorance of such relations existing between any two inmates.

Sister Superior Mary Malone stated that the outcome of the examination of Miss Thomas was a startling revelation to her. She had been a nun for twelve years, and the patient's legs and feet for several months had been in the hands of the sister. She had no idea of the cause. Yesterday Miss Thomas' limbs were so swollen and her condition so serious that the Mother Superior insisted upon her going to the hospital.

SAWED THROUGH PRISON BARS.
Two Burglars Escaped but the Third Was Stopped by a Blow.

Murkintown, Pa., July 21.—Frank Evans and Joe West, two of the three men confined in jail here, charged with the Herztel burglary, committed last May, when cash and securities amounting to \$50,000 were stolen, broke jail about 1 o'clock this morning.

They made their escape by sawing the iron window bars off their cells and reaching the ground by ropes made of bed clothing. The second broke a window pane in making his descent and the sheriff was aroused by the noise.

A prompt effort was made to recapture the men, but the darkness aided the prisoners. The third member of the gang occupied a separate cell. When the officers entered his cell this morning to search him he made a desperate break for liberty, knocking down the deputy sheriff and a fellow prisoner. He was controlled by a blow on the head with a heavy iron key and, in consequence, required surgical attention.

FIRED ON BY THE McLANE.
Tug George W. Childs Overhauled by the Revenue Cutter.

(By Associated Press.)
Jacksonville, Fla., July 21.—The tugboat George W. Childs cleared yesterday for New York and sailed this morning. Immediately upon her departure William Lynch, one of her seamen, made oath before Collector Browne as to her late doings in these waters and stated that she was engaged in the carrying of a cargo of opium and that she had been fired upon by the U. S. S. McLane.

He stated that the Childs took on fifty-three Cuban at Apalachin, West Indies, with arms and ammunition and proceeded to the coast of Cuba.

After unsuccessful attempts to land the party brought and landed them on one of the Florida Keys near here. Then she sailed and coasted and went to Jacksonville.

Upon hearing the statement Collector Browne ordered the revenue cutter McLane to detain the Childs. The cutter immediately gave chase and fired a shot and a loaded cartridge, which caused the Childs to leave to the cutter returned to port with her.

The Childs is held for not having a passenger list for the party that landed on the Keys. Lynch will probably libel the tug tomorrow for wages.

Socialists Insult King Leopold.
Brussels, July 21.—The King with Princess Clementine was on his way driving to open the exhibition in the suburb of St. Gilles to-day, when a number of socialists ran after the car and shouting "Down with the new school bill," threw a manifesto against the measure were thrown into the carriage. The men were dispersed by the police.

Big Fire in Chicago.
Chicago, July 21.—Four of the National Linseed Oil Company's mills, at the crossing of Canal street and the Burlington Railway tracks, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss of nearly \$500,000.

NOT A SIDE DOOR WAS OPEN
New York an Absolute "Dry" Town from End to End.

Excise Laws Never Before So Strictly Enforced—Whole Available Police Force on Duty.

(By United Press.)
New York, July 21.—There was no doubt in the minds of most of the male population of this city to-day that there are strict excise laws on the statute books, and also that the police are capable of enforcing these laws almost to the point of absolute observance.

Never before in the history of this city, many people said, was the selling of beer and liquor so generally stopped. It was absolutely "dry" in the city from the Battery to the annexed district and river to river.

There was no faltering in the earnestness of the police, as a number of saloon keepers discovered early in the day. They meant business from the very start. They were determined that no liquor should be sold in violation of the laws, and to determine this was almost to make that determination a fact.

Never before was there such a police watch over the usual places for selling beer and liquors. Every possible man on the force that could be used was put on excise duty. The men were in many cases made to undergo extraordinary hours of watchfulness. So close was the guard that all chances of a quiet business were rendered impracticable. Many were the devices resorted to by saloon keepers to carry on business despite the vigilance of the police, but very few of them were successful.

The sweltering weather was therefore creating a great demand for beer. At some of the fashionable restaurants or cafes in the Tenderloin district could easily be obtained by those who dressed and acted that they were not spies. Champagne was sold and drank without check. The bars in the big hotels were closed.

The soda-water fountains on the streets and in drug stores were not molested and they did a big business.

ENTIRE FAMILY BUTCHERED
Three Killed and Four Mortally Wounded with Backshot.

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., July 21.—Last Friday night, on the Terre Haute plantation, in St. John's parish, a terrible butchery of human beings took place.

While Rosario Giordano and his family were at the supper table, a man named Noka walked up to the door, and, leveling a double-barreled shotgun, fired.

Mrs. Giordano fell to the floor a corpse, and the bullets that did not go through her went through both legs of the four-months' infant she held in her arms. The father, fearing that the tender babe would be killed in the fall, sprang forward to clasp it, and the assassin fired again. The backshot entered the groin and leg of Giordano.

The ten-year-old girl on seeing her mother fall ran forward and struck a portion of the load of buckshot that struck her father. The shot entered her abdomen, literally tearing it to pieces.

At the same time little Nicola fell to the floor wounded through the head. The assassin, Joe Noka, did not move from the spot, but when he saw Benedetto Giordano, a nephew of the dead woman, and Charles Columbo coming toward him he coolly placed two fresh shells in his gun and waited until they got very close to him.

Then he raised the gun and fired both barrels, the two men falling to the ground. The father, who was lying on his back, was killed by a bullet through the head. The other man, who was lying on his side, was killed by a bullet through the chest.

When the citizens ascertained the extent of the deed they organized a posse and, led by the sheriff, attempted to capture the assassin.

The wounded were brought to the Charity Hospital in this city. They are: Benedetto Giordano, thirty-four years of age; the family, aged thirty-four years; shot in the left thigh.

Mary Giordano, ten years; shot in the abdomen, the bullet perforating the bladder and intestines.

Nicola Giordano, seven years; shot in the corner of the eye, the ball penetrating the brain.

Joseph Giordano, four months; shot in both legs and in the head.

HURLED IN THE AIR BY A TRAIN.
Four Men Crossing the Tracks in a Wagon Instantly Killed.

(By Associated Press.)
Williamstown, Mass., July 21.—Four men were instantly killed while crossing the Fitchburg Railroad track about two miles from this place this afternoon.

A party of six men were riding in a two-seated covered carriage. They were returning to North Adams from Bennington and were struck by a west-bound express.

Two of the men, Clarence Prindle and Edward White, both of Williamstown, Mass., were killed. The killed were Oliver Dudley, Nelson Trudeau, Peter Rooke, Joseph Traylor.

The four latter were all of North Adams. The accident occurred at a grade crossing, known as the "Bogway," just before 3 o'clock. As the men approached the crossing a freight train was passing eastward. They waited until the engine had gone by and then started to proceed, apparently not seeing the west-bound train, which was advancing at express speed. The carriage was directly across the tracks when the engine struck it.

Prindle and White, catching a glimpse of the oncoming train, had just time to shriek and jump, thereby saving their lives.

Secretary Morton Returns.
Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, unexpectedly returned to Washington last evening. After visiting Assistant Secretary Hamlin at Marion, Mass., in company with his sister, Miss Morton, and Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. Morton left for a trip down the St. Lawrence. He was expected to conclude that on Wednesday morning, but came in ahead of the schedule.

MORE HOLMES VICTIMS
Mrs. Conner and Her Child Cannot Be Found.

KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM

Holmes Got Her Away from Her Husband and Made Her a Tool of His nefarious schemes—Chain of Evidence Against the Prisoner—Whose Bank Book Is This?

The crimes of Swindler and Murderer H. H. Holmes are likely to be augmented by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Conner and her child and her probable death at the hands of the man whose hands are already stained by the blood of six people. The death roll of Holmes' victims now stands:

R. F. Pitzel.
Two daughters of Pitzel.
Two Williams girls.
Mrs. T. L. Conner?
Little Ella Conner?

(By United Press.)
Chicago, July 21.—To the long list of murders and other crimes directly traceable to the arch-fiend H. H. Holmes must now be added the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. I. L. Conner, and her twelve-year-old daughter, with a reasonable certainty that they may have been disposed of in the same manner in which the rest of his victims met their death.

Mrs. Conner and her child were last seen in the company of Holmes in this city in 1893. Since then all trace of them has been lost, and the shrewdest of detectives who, at the instigation of the woman's family, have been working on the case, are now of the opinion that the finding of their bodies is the only possible solution of the mystery.

The hunt for Mrs. Conner and her child has not until lately been made on the theory that they had been murdered. It was pursued in an effort to locate the woman and get her away from the influence of Holmes, in whose net she had been trapped, and it was not until the disclosures of his work in connection with the Pitzel case were made that her friends began to fear that the lives of herself and child had been taken.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.
Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Conner, with their thirteen-year-old daughter, came from Davenport, Iowa, to Chicago in 1889. Holmes at the time was beginning to execute the swindles for which he afterward became notorious. One of his schemes was the drug and jewelry store in the Englewood Flats.

Conner, who was a jeweler, was employed to conduct the jewelry store, and moved with his family into a flat above it. When Holmes had perfected his plan of robbing in credit he proceeded to make a sale of store and stock to Conner. Mrs. Conner, though an ambitious woman, was given a position as bookkeeper.

In a short time Holmes paid her from the moral point, and then, wishing to get rid of Conner, furnished him with proofs of his wife's infidelity.

Conner, who was a devoted wife, and she, it is alleged, became a counselor and adviser. In this capacity she soon learned the character of the horrible work he was doing, and she had many violent quarrels, and in 1893 the woman and her child disappeared.

WAS SHE "REMOVED?"
The theory of the people who have been investigating the case is that she was "removed" to prevent exposure.

If Mrs. Conner and her child are dead, as now seems almost certain, the list of murders with which Holmes is charged numbers eight, viz: R. F. Pitzel, the three children, the two Williams girls and Mrs. Conner and her child, and there is a plausible theory for the crime in each case.

Pitzel was murdered to get the money from the insurance company into the possession of Mrs. Pitzel; the Pitzel children were killed to remove three heirs to the property and make the securing of the property by Holmes easier; the Williams girls were killed to get control of \$75,000 worth of real estate in Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Conner and her child were killed to get rid of a woman who knew too much and a child whose keeping would be troublesome and might necessitate an explanation of her mother's fate.

The rib-kick fragments found in the ashes under the stove in the room of the Holmes building in Sixty-third street and supposed to be the remains of the two missing Williams girls were late last night subjected to a chemical test by Dr. C. P. Stringfield and pronounced by him to be bits of fire clay.

When matched together the pieces of fire clay found a section of a circle which, if complete, would equal the inside circumference of a large stove.

During the search yesterday for further evidence of Holmes' crimes, a bank book was found in Holmes' office on the third floor of the building at Sixty-third and Wallace streets by Detectives Fitzpatrick and Norton. It belonged to Lucy Burbank, and was the property of the First National Bank of this city. It showed that Miss Burbank was a heavy depositor, putting money in the bank every day, and sometimes as high as \$300. Who the woman is, is unknown, but Detective Fitzpatrick thinks he will be able to find her.

LOVE PAID THE LOAN.
Romance of a Life Closed with a Deathbed Marriage.

(By Associated Press.)
Wilmington, Del., July 21.—Years ago Miss Katherine Kilpatrick loaned to John T. Walker a sum of money to enable him to go into the shoe business. Walker prospered on the money and now, in his sixty-third year, is the proprietor of an establishment at 201 East Third street, and is worth \$40,000.

He was not ungrateful to his benefactress, and as the years passed the friendship between them ripened into a warmer feeling, and last night as he lay on his deathbed he was married to the girl, whom he had frequently named as his prospective bride.

Rev. J. D. C. Hanna performed the ceremony. The relatives of Mr. Walker are said to be strongly opposed to the union.

Family Party Drowned.
Brooklyn, N. Y., July 21.—William Lundstedt, of 87 Cossey street, with Fred and Frank Sulbren and his wife, Walter, perished on the money and now, in his sixty-third year, is the proprietor of an establishment at 201 East Third street, and is worth \$40,000.

Their boat was capsized and all except Lundstedt were drowned. The bodies were recovered by the tug John Temple, of New York.

CAUGHT IN BAD COMPANY
Prominent American Officials Arrested in a London Club.

It Was a Place Frequented by the Demimonde and About a Hundred Were Present at the Time.

(By Associated Press.)
London, July 21.—It has developed that a police raid was made upon the Palace Club Thursday.

A number of prominent Americans were caught in the raid.

The club is one of several fashionable night clubs in London where the demimonde resorts. It opens at midnight and closes at 6 a. m.

Lately the Palace has been very riotous. The club is elegantly appointed, having twenty-five men servants and a band playing nightly.

A hundred men and women, all in evening dress, were captured.

Among them were a United States Senator, a Congressman, a prominent law official of an Eastern state, and an American police official.

All save the proprietor and servants of the club were released. They were remanded.

ESCAPED A NIGHT OF IT
German Excursionists on Steamer "Seufferle" Were Alarmed.

(By United Press.)
La-Spezia, Italy, July 21.—A terrible accident, resulting in the loss of 148 lives, occurred near the mouth of the Gulf of Spezia to-day.

At half past 1 o'clock this morning the steamer Ortigia and Maria P. ran into each other and the latter vessel was so badly damaged that she sank in a very short time. The Maria P. had on board, in addition to her crew, 178 passengers, bound from Naples for the River La Plata, by far the larger part of whom were emigrants.

The night was pitch dark when the collision occurred, and the scene on board the sinking steamer almost defies description. Most of the passengers were asleep in their bunks at the time, and were awakened by the crashing of the steamers' plates, deck beams, and deck planks.

PANIC STRICKEN PASSENGERS.
They were panic-stricken and rushed pell-mell on deck, where they rushed about and thither calling upon the saints to save them.

From the reports of the disaster received here it is impossible to determine whether any attempt was made by the Maria P. to clear away and launch her small boats to attempt to rescue the passengers, but, judging from the accounts given by the excited survivors, it is surmised that the steamer went down too quickly to allow of this morning's disaster.

The blackness of the night added to the terror of those on board, and it is understood that some of the passengers, crazed with fear, jumped overboard.

The force of the collision was terrific. The Ortigia struck the Maria P. squarely on the starboard side and her stern penetrated the ill-fated steamer for a distance of eighteen feet. When she backed out a great volume of water poured through the orifice and the vessel began almost immediately to sink.

ORTIGIA PROBABLY AT FAULT.
No mention is made of the Ortigia lowering her boats to attempt to rescue the imperiled people on the Maria P. Whether the former vessel was damaged or not is not known.

The survivors are in such a mental condition that it is impossible as yet to get any connected story from them, but from the statements of some of the crew, it appears that the disaster was the fault of the Ortigia.

The crew of the Maria P. numbered seven hundred and thirty. The Ortigia was in the boat that got clear of the ship. This boat also saved the thirty passengers who jumped drowning.

The Ortigia on her previous voyage collided in this same spot with a French steamer, and this fact adds strength to the belief that she was responsible for this morning's disaster.

Admiral Morin, minister of marine, has ordered an inquiry to be made in the affair, to place the responsibility.

(By Associated Press.)
Genoa, July 21.—The sky was overcast at the time of the accident and there was little sea, and it was a